(d) whether Government have discussed these problems with Government of Bihar;

(e) if so, the reaction of State Government in this regard; and

(f) the remedial measures Government propose to take for the proper industrialisation of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No such complaint has been received by the Government. On the country, Bihar has been attracting a fair share of industries in the post liberalisation period as is clear from the fact that about 289 Nos. of industrial approvals (Industries Entrepreneur Memoranda and letters of intent) were issued for the state between August 91 to March 97 involving an investment of about Rs. 6,629 crores.

(b) to (f) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Disinvestment Commission

3887. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of Disinvestment Commission;

(b) how many public sector companies have been recommended for disinvestment;

(c) the name of companies those have been disinvested since the recommendations of the commission; and

(d) the performance recorded after the disinvestment of all the public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The Disinvestment Commission has in its reports submitted to the Govt. recommended *inter-alia*, the strategies for investment in 9 PSUs. The Commission has also made general recommendations on establishment of disinvestment fund, restructuring and the corporate governance and autonomy to the PSUs.

(c) No disinvestment has taken place since the receipt of the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Setting up of small industrial townships

3888. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up small industrial townships throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such industrial townships that exist in the country at present; and

(d) the State-wise number of such industrial township proposed to be set up in near future?

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Passenger car plant at Kakinada

3889. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up a passenger car plant at Visakhapatnam of Kakinada;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government proposed to do so in view of facilities of port there?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Automobile Sector is a delicensed sector with Government playing a catalyst role.

Decline in dividend paid by PSUs

3890. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether disinvestments Public Sector Undertakings will lead to a corresponding decline in the amount of dividends which they pay to Government annually; and

(b) the funds likely to be raised from PSUs disinvestments during 1997-98 and the estimated loss of revenue of Government on this count?